

Claim Identification [37 CFR 1.607(a)(3)]

Claim 1 corresponds exactly to Count I;

Claims 2-22 correspond substantially to Count I;

Claim 33 corresponds exactly to Count II;

Claims 23-32 and 34-40 correspond substantially to Count II.

Explanation of Substantial Correspondence to Counts [37 CFR 1.607(a)(4)]

Claim 2 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of said one adhered area comprises a return postcard having printed indicia on both of its faces, including marked areas for receiving predetermined information concerning a mailed item, one of said areas on the outer face of said first sheet comprising an addressee area for receiving the address to which the item is to be mailed.

Claim 3 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of each sheet is of paper stock

Claim 4 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 3 and the further limitation of the combined thickness of said sheets is no less than 0.007 inches.

Claim 5 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 4 and the further limitation of the sheets are of equal thickness.

Claim 6 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 4 and the further limitation of the first sheet is thinner than the second sheet.

Claim 7 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 4 and the further limitation of the first sheet is thicker than the second sheet.

Claim 8 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of including a plurality of tear lines extending through both sheets of the form and a plurality of die cut lines extending through only the first sheet of the form.

Claim 9 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of the first sheet has a plurality of die cut lines defining said detachable areas.

Claim 10 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of each side strip of said second sheet has a third tear line extending parallel to said first tear line for detaching part of each side strip from said portion to expose said adhesive material for adhering the portion to an item to be mailed.

Claim 11 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of said detachable areas include at least two identical address labels for receiving an address to which an item is to be mailed.

Claim 12 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 11 and the further limitation of said detachable areas include three identical address labels.

Claim 13 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of said detachable areas include at least one identifying number label for identifying and tracking a mailed item.

Claim 14 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation of a layer of adhesive material *between* the inner faces of said sheets;

the sheets having tear lines extending through *both* sheets whereby sections of the form can be separated from one another;

the first sheet having tear lines extending through only the first sheet around predetermined non-adhered areas of the first sheet whereby said non-adhered areas can be detached from the remainder of the form; and

the form having an additional part including at least three tear lines extending transverse to said first tear line, including a second tear line for detaching said additional part from said mailing form part.

Claim 15 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 14 and the further limitation of one of said non-adhered label areas is located in one of said side strips.

Claim 16 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 15 and the further limitation of one label area carries identifying insignia for identifying an item to be mailed.

Claim 17 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 16 and the further limitation of a second non-adhered label area carries the same identifying insignia as said one label area.

Claim 18 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 14 and the further limitation of said form has three identical form sections separable along two, parallel spaced tear lines, each of said form sections including one of said predetermined mailing form parts, the central portion of each mailing form part comprising a return postcard having printed indicia on both of its faces, including marked areas for receiving predetermined information concerning a mailed item, one of said areas on the outer face of said first sheet comprising an addressee area for receiving the address to which an item is to be mailed.

Claim 19 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 18 and the further limitation of each of said form sections includes said additional part, and said additional part includes a non-adhered area comprising a label carrying identifying insignia for identifying an item of mail.

Claim 20 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 19 and the further limitation of said labels on said three form sections carry consecutive identifying numbers.

Claim 21 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the limitations of claim 14 and the further limitation of said sheets are rectangular and said first tear line extends longitudinally along said form.

Claim 22 substantially corresponds to Count I, except that it includes the further limitation, of the sheets being rectangular and having opposite side edges and opposite upper and lower edges;

a layer of adhesive material coating the *entire* inner face of the first sheet;

the printed indicia on the outer face of the first sheet defining at least two separate form parts and a separation region between said form parts extending across the entire sheet between opposite edges of said sheet; and

one of said form parts including a mailing form portion for attachment to an item to be mailed, the mailing form portion including a central, return postcard and side strips on opposite sides of the central postcard, and having a pair of tear lines extending transverse to said separation region for separating each side strip from said return postcard.

Claim 23 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes the further limitation of the first sheet being a backing sheet and the second sheet being a front sheet.

Claim 24 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of a score line formed between the form and the label, the score line constructed and arranged to provide independent removal of the form.

Claim 25 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of a first perforated tear line formed between the first anchor portion and the form; and a second perforated tear line formed between the second anchor portion and the form, the first perforated tear line and the second perforated tear line being constructed and arranged to provide independent detachment of the form.

Claim 26 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of the form is a return receipt postcard.

Claim 27 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of the label is a certified mail label.

Claim 28 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of the backing sheet includes printer feed holes located along opposite sides of the backing sheet.

Claim 29 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of at least one identifier section having an identifier related to the special service label removably attached to the backing sheet.

Claim 30 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of at least one identifier section having an identifier related to the special service label removably attached to at least one of the anchor portions.

Claim 31 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all limitations of Claim 23 and a further limitation of an additional form removably attached to the backing sheet.

Claim 32 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 23 and the further limitation of an additional form removably attached to the form.

Claim 34 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes the further limitation of a line of separation formed between the form and the label, the line of separation constructed and arranged to provide independent removal of the form.

Claim 35 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes the further limitation a first tear line formed between the first anchor portion and the form; and a second tear line formed between the second anchor portion and the form, the first tear line and the second tear line constructed and arranged to provide independent detachment of the form.

Claim 36 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes the further limitation of the form is a return receipt postcard.

Claim 37 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes the further limitation of the label is a certified mail label.

Claim 38 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 33 and the further limitation of the first sheet includes printer feed holes located along opposite sides of the first sheet.

Claim 39 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 33 and the further limitation of at least one identifier section having an identifier related to the special service label removably attached to the first sheet.

Claim 40 substantially corresponds to Count II except that it includes all of the limitations of Claim 33 and the further limitation of at least one identifier section having an identifier related to the special service label removably attached to at least one of the anchor portions.

Applying Terms of Claims to the Count [37 CFR 1.607(a)(5)(i) and (ii)]

Claims 1-40 were previously presented in the subject application; therefore, applicant is not required to apply any terms of the application claims to the disclosure of the application.

Explanation of Meeting 35 USC 135(b) [37 CFR 1.607(6)]


Applicant submits that the presented claims and identified under 37 CFR 1.607(a)(4), above were present in the application less than one year after the issue date of each of the identified patents for which this Interference is sought. Specifically, the claims of the subject application were filed in related (parent) application US Patent Appl'n Ser. No. ^{08/027,246}~~09/987,246~~, filed June 12, 1998, and ultimately claim priority of disclosure to US Patent Appl'n 08/049,946 filed April 20, 1993. The earliest issuance of the patents against which this Interference is sought is September 9, 1997 (US Pat. No. 5,664,725). The pertinent dates of grant for the other patents for which an Interference is being sought are US Pat. No. 5,697,648 (issued December 16, 1997) and US Pat. No. 5,746,450 (issued May 5, 1998). Accordingly, the claims were filed well within one year of the issue dates and therefore meet the requirements of 35 USC 135(b).

Applicant believes that interfering subject matter between the subject application and the identified patents and respectfully requests that an Interference be declared by the Examiner.

Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this Communication, or if further information will facilitate advancement of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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